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SUBJ: VANDEN BOEYNANTS VISIT

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1. WE BELIEVE VANDEN BOEYNANTS SHOULD PROPERLY SEEK TO CALL ON THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND NOT AT THE WHITE HOUSE DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN LATE JUNE.

2. ACCORDINGLY WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH DEFENSE, AND HAVE AGREED THAT THE EMBASSY CAN ADVISE THE MOD THAT SUBJECT TO THE SENATE PROCEDURE FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND ANY PERSONAL COMMITMENTS HE MAY ALREADY HAVE MADE FOR LATE JUNE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO WORK A BILATERAL MEETING INTO HIS SCHEDULE DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 25-28.

3. WE WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER ON THIS AS SOON AS THE SITUATION HERE IS CLEARER. FYI ONLY WE UNDERSTAND ONE
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OTHER NATO DEFENSE MINISTER HAS ALSO ASKED FOR SUCH
BILATERAL MEETING WITH NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE END FYI. RUSH

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